

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a neurodegenerative ocular disease selected from retinitis pigmentosa, age-related macular degeneration, and retinopathy, in a subject in need of said treating, the method comprising administering to ~~[[a]]the subject in need thereof~~ an effective amount of etazolate.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein said treating increases neuron survival in said subject~~A method for increasing neuron survival in a patient having a neurodegenerative ocular disease, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of etazolate.~~

Claim 32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 30, wherein the neurodegenerative ocular disease is age-related macular degeneration.

Claims 34 and 35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 30, wherein etazolate is administered in oral form.

Claims 37-40. (Canceled)